

Northampton Sustainability Plan
Notes from 6/20/05 All Boards Meeting
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Plan Elements

Vision – Core values and principles of sustainability that will guide the plan and the community.

- Identify Unique Characteristics, Quality of Life Indicators, Community Health Indicators
- Assess Limitations
- Define Sustainability for Northampton

Land Use

- Historic Preservation
- Agriculture/Agriculture Commission
- Recreation
- Neighborhoods
- Development Patterns/Density

Economic Development

- Telecommunications/Broadband Infrastructure
- Non-Profit Growth
- Workforce Development/Education/Training
- Downtowns/Village Centers
- Tourism
- Marketing
- Arts and Culture
- Relationship with Major Institutions-CDH, Smith, VA, Hampshire Care

Energy and Environment

- Open Space Preservation
- Resource Margin of Safety
- Brownfields Cleanup (also economic development)
- Regional Coordination – wildlife, open space, etc.
- Quality of Built Environment
- External Factors/Influences – Oil, Federal Government, etc.
- Urban Forests/Parks

Housing

Municipal Governance and Financial Sustainability

- Government Structure
- Public Participation
- Regional Coordination – Services, Support surrounding town sustainability plans

Education/Schools

Public/Community Services

- Public Safety
- Public Health
- Health Care Access
- Child Care
- Services for Disabled
- Trash/Waste Management

Transportation (public and private)

Infrastructure/Capital Improvements

- Reservoirs/Water Supply
- Parking

Structure of Elements

- Policies
- Goals
- Actions
- Measurements/Indicators of progress and success

Public Participation/Information Sharing

- Neighborhood meetings
- Focus groups
- Create a section on City website to share information as the plan proceeds
- Process for future updates

Appendices

- Data Analysis/Demographics
- Maps